ओरिएन्टल इंश्योरेंस कम्पनी की व्यक्तिगत दुर्घटना बीमा योजना का कार्यान्वयन

4251. **श्री राम रतन राम :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने अपने दिनांक 25 जनवरी, 1992 के पत्र द्वारा ओरियंटल इंश्योरेंस कम्पनी लिमिटेड द्वारा कमजोर वर्गों के लिये शुरू की गई व्यक्तिगत दुर्घटना बीमा योजना के कार्यान्वयन में फील्ड स्तर पर पेश आ रही कठिनाईयों के संबंध मे तीन संशोधनों का प्रस्ताव किया था ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) जी, हां । उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने अपने दिनांक 22 जनवरी, 1992 के पत्र के माध्यम से निर्धन परिवारों के लिये व्यक्तिगत दुर्घटना बीमा सामाजिक सुरक्षा योजना में संशोधन करने का प्रस्ताव किया था ।

(ख) निर्धन परिवारों के लिये व्यक्तिगत दुर्घटना बीमा सामाजिक सुरक्षा योजना की संपूर्ण समीक्षा की जा रही है तथा इस समीक्षा के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार सहित विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों से प्राप्त सुझावों पर विचार किया जायेगा ।

Exim Bank Scheme for development of vendors

4252. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Exim Bank has introduced a new Scheme for the development of vendors;

(b) if so, what is the criteria fixed for qualifying for the Scheme; and

(c) what is the extent to which the loans would be provided for the development of vendors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Export Import Bank of India (EXIM BANK) has introduced a new lending programme under which finance is provided for vendor development for exports.

(b) Expert/trading houses and manufacturer-exporters with satisfactory track record and strategic plan for vendors development for exports are eligible to seek finance under the programme.

(c) Rupee term loans are provided to eligible exporters for:

(i) Procurement of Plant and Machinery;

(ii) Acquisition of toolings, Jigs, Moulds, and other miscellaneous equipment;

(iii) Core working capital assistance to Vendors; and

(iv) Vendors Development and training and technology transfer.

The quantum of finance is needbased.

Introduction of legislation on consignment tax

4253. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Chief Ministers' Conference held on the 9th and 10th February, 1989, there was consensus to enact a new legislation of Consignment tax;

(b) whether Government decided to introduce a bill in this regard;

(c) if so, whether the Central Government have not taken any action so far in this regard resulting in serious leakage of sales tax revenue in some of the States; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The matter was discussed last month with the representatives of the State Governments and of the concerned Union Ministries. Further consultations are considered necessary to sort out the differences, in view point and also taking into account several important developments on the economic front.

Decline in small savings due to withdrawal of incentives under Income Tax Act

4254. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether small saving collections have declined sharply as a result of withdrawal of certain incentives under the Income Tax Act;

(b) if so, whether this has adversely affected resources position of the State Governments, and particularly Gujarat; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in order to correct the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The net small savings collections have been less this year compared to last year. This cannot however be attributed to withdrawal of incentives under the Income Tax Act.

(b) The lower net collections this year have resulted in sanction of lesser small savings loans to most States including Gujarat.

(c) In order to improve the collections, the rates of interest on several small savings instruments have been raised and a new instrument, namely National Savings Scheme, 1992 has been introduced.

Flow of money abroad

4255. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the Hindustan Times of the 19th November, 1992 captioned "plea to curb secret flow of money";

(b) if so, whether secret money flowing from our country to others is creating serious economic problem, imparing the development; and

(c) if so, what measures Government are taking to stop the flow of Indian money abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The adverse consequences of secret flow of money outside the country have been recognised. To reduce the scope and incentives for such flows, a series of measures have been taken in the recent past, which include Liberalised Exchange Rate Management System and enabling provisions for import of gold by NRIs. Besides, the concerned agencies of the Government especially the Enforcement Directorate remain vigilant and take appropriate action.

Intelligibility of States for Agricultural Finance from NABARD

4256. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cooperative credit institutions in 14 States and Union Territories have become ineligible for agricultural finance from NABARD because their recovery rate for short term farm loans has fallen below 50 per cent;

(b) if so, what is the break-up of information in this regard State and Union Territory-wise for the latest period;